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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Information Technology

FROM:

Chief, Analytic Support Group/DI

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Appreciation

*Bill*

1. I want to extend my appreciation to you for the excellent assistance your personnel have provided to ASG in implementing an important project. Several of your personnel have helped the Directorate of Intelligence acquire the capability to directly access UN data bases in Geneva, Switzerland. The support provided to the DI by [redacted]

[redacted] has been of great value.

Their combined efforts have enabled us to successfully connect an IBM PC-AT in our office to the United Nations mainframe in Geneva, via dedicated lines through the Office of the United States Special Trade Representative (USTR).

2. For some time, the DI has been attempting to improve the timeliness of the availability of international financial and trade data to its analysts. The assistance of your personnel has made this attempt successful. Direct access to UN data bases should significantly improve the quality of intelligence analysis by the DI. In addition, the potential now exists to access other data services through the United Nations International Computer Center (UNICC), with the Agency's identity hidden.

3. I wish to personally thank [redacted] Both provided valuable and useful advice on equipment and configuration in the planning stages, and then expert technical support in making the final system work. I also thank [redacted] for his excellent assistance in the latter stages of system diagnosis. Success was achieved under difficult

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conditions. Security considerations prevented us from contacting the UNICC, equipment vendors, and the firm that installed the equipment outside the Headquarters compound. Consequently, numerous trips to the USTR's office were necessary by Nick, Dave, and Joe to examine, reconfigure, and test equipment.

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4. I also want to thank [ ] for providing guidance and assistance on overall security requirements. [ ] was most helpful in reviewing what we intended to do and advising us, from both security and technical perspectives, on the best way to proceed. [ ] helped us in selecting the DES encryption units and acquiring keying materials. [ ] advised us on TEMPEST requirements during the selection of personal computers. [ ] advised us on ways to connect a PC to a mainframe.

5. All in all, your office provided ASG and the DI with a high degree of assistance and cooperation. The success we have achieved in providing more timely data sources to DI analysts must be shared with your people. Please thank them all for helping us on this important project.

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